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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JEAN WOLOSZKO et al.

Application No.: 09/679,394

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF

SPINAL DISORDERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Examiner: L. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 13, 2002, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-16, 41-53 and 59-66), without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (408) 736-0224 will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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